AUG 10 1951 !

Miss Jeanne <u>Dimon</u>
Associate Raiter
THE CATROLIC DIGEST
270 Park Avenue
Hew York 17, New York

Dear Jeanne,

You compliment me with your kind request for an endorsement of your fine magazine. Yet much as I would like to respend, especially since the request comes from you, I find sweelf peculiarly abridged by the restrictions that go with this job. At the time of my appointment, I was admenished to seek anonymity in this post. And while complete anonymity ebviously is impossible in any agency of government, I have tried to comply with that injunction. But however conscientiously I do strive to remain in the shadows, it occasionally becomes impossible to avoid such items as the one you plan to pick up from COROXET.

Thus, even though CIA may be publicated in your magazine I am sure you will agree that publication of a testimodal to 550,000 readers would only make it that much more difficult for me to remain undersover. Nowever, even if I cannot tell each of your readers, I have no reluctance in telling you how much I value your magazine.

Sincerely,

31950

Welter B. Smith Director

ODCI/CBH: nhh

Distribution:

Orig & 1 - Add

1 - Admin Files w/basic

2 - Signer /

2 - Originator

Approved For Release 2002/09/04 : CIA-RDP80R01731R003000240006-1

Three